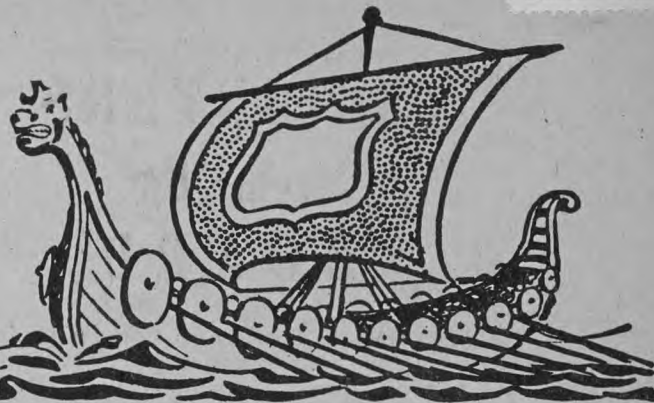




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## AN OPEN LETTER TO SHAREHOLDERS - - - -

There are some people concerned about the 1970 charter flights, their main question being: "Why was Air Canada chosen for all the charters next year?"

Perhaps if I explain how the Board of Directors goes about selecting the carrier you will understand why we chose this carrier for all the flights.

The Board invited tenders from all the carriers, setting an April 30th deadline. Only Air Canada met

this deadline but, for the benefit of the other carriers, we extended the deadline by one month. After receiving tenders from three companies we invited representatives of each to a meeting to give their presentation of their companies, aircraft, service and cost. All the Directors were asked to be present at this meeting. Each carrier was allocated one-half hour to make its presentation. After all the proposals had been heard, the Board discuss-

ed the merits of each. Air Canada was selected as their in-flight service is superb, they have an excellent flight record, they are a large and reliable company, and their tender was lower than the other carriers'.

The consensus of the Board was that this was the most advantageous choice for the 1970 flights, best serving the interest of all our shareholders.

Esko E. Salo,  
Director of Charter Flights

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## Radio Talks Feature Scandinavian History

We are planning a series of talks, mainly about the history of Scandinavia, on the Norwegian program, Radio C.K.U.A., starting in October.

The men doing the talks will be Doctor Thomas Nelson and Doctor Charles Bourassa, both of the University of Alberta, Edmonton.

The main topics will be:  
1. Why the Northman culture became great.  
2. Why it failed.  
3. Significance of the Northman mentality in modern day.

We will try to make the programs interesting, educational and entertaining. Any suggestions from the listeners will be appreciated.

Olaf Sveen,  
6012 - 134 Ave.

## Discount Rate Reaches Highest Mark Since 30's

STOCKHOLM — Recent drain of foreign exchange reserves in Sweden has caused the Riksbank (the National Bank of Sweden) to raise its discount rate from 6 to 7%. It is Sweden's highest rate since the 1930's. At the same time, the Governor of the Riksbank was authorized to limit possibilities of bank borrowing from the Riksbank, a measure never taken before. The week just prior to the decision saw not less than \$57 million withdrawn. The total drain during the last twelve months amounts to \$400 million.

For the winter storage of fruits and vegetables, temperatures should be below 40° Fahrenheit when possible. Potatoes will turn sweet in flavour if held long below 36° F., so a range of 36° to 40° is ideal.



The Sons of Norway junior dancers, The Dancers of the Midnight Sun, have resumed their folk dancing for the fall season and meet every other Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the Centre. The next practice will be October 5th. Any interested young people or their parents call Mrs. Lineham at 455-8860 for particulars. The dancers are shown discussing details for Scandapades '69 with Bud D'Amur the director

of our last show. Pictured are: Rita Aslin, Linden Domstad, Elizabeth Berg, Bonnie Stead, Maureen Bishop, Diane Domstad, Cheryl McMillan, Debbie Johnsrude, Patricia McBride, Della Johnsrude, Charles

Delve, Judy Fairhead, Sonja McBride, Raymond Boe, David Amundson, Robert MacNaughton, Heather Amundson and Bud D'Amur.



# SPLINTERS from the BOARD

The report from the Scandinavian Centre is heard on radio station CFCW every Saturday at approximately 11:25 A.M. This is during CFCW's Scandinavian Show which is heard from 10:30 to 12:00 noon. The report will be broadcast by the following directors for the next month.

OCTOBER 4 ..... Clarence Lindquist  
OCTOBER 11 ..... Paul Karvonen  
OCTOBER 18 ..... Bill Halldorson  
OCTOBER 25 ..... Matti Lehtiniemi

After the end of October, a new arrangement is being inaugurated. Each board member will give the report for a month and will take the same order as in the past. Reporters for the next three months are:

NOVEMBER ..... Peter Johnson  
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## SCANDAPADES -

The Scandapades committee will meet with or send a representative to each lodge and society during October to discuss the program content and advise what type entertainment each group should consider providing.

If you have an 'artist' in the family, please draw his attention to the advertisement for our drawing contest in this issue of the News. All age groups will have a chance to win a prize.

## SHARE SELLING -

Some of our shareholders are doing a good job of promoting the Centre and selling shares. All board directors are share sellers, also Vera Nielsen. At the last board meeting, the following shareholders were appointed as share sellers:

Mr. Oleif I. Lundberg, Box 114, Sexsmith, Alberta.  
Mr. Selmer Hafso, Viking, Alberta.  
Mr. Schang Halberg, Ryley, Alberta.

If you live in their area, see them for a Scandinavian Centre share.

## CENTRE OPERATION -

We now have a new manager, Mrs. Edna L.V. Smith. She is a very capable person with the background and experience necessary to manage our Centre - the only one of its kind in Canada, our pride and joy. The board extends best wishes to Mrs. Smith.

Many wedding receptions are now taking place during the week with people taking advantage of the lower rates during weekdays, and avoiding the crowded conditions that prevail on weekends.

## CHARTER FLIGHTS -

The flight directors met on September 9th to outline their plans for the coming year and to obtain the benefits of mutual cooperation. Many people have already confirmed their reservations and it appears that 1970 will be another successful year for the Centre's charter flight program.

Children will be classified as those aged 2 to 16. Children under 2 travel free. If you are planning to take part in one of the charters, consult your flight director for vaccination and passport information. Passports should be requested early to avoid the rush preceding the holiday season.

The all-inclusive price for the Japan flight is one of the best bargains available for getting to the world fair. Reserve early if you are planning to go.

## SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE NEWS -

Our business manager for the newspaper, Vera Nielsen, advises that donations are coming in daily. We are very grateful for this as it reduces the amount that the Centre has to provide annually to subsidize the paper.

We would prefer to get all our revenue for the paper from advertizing and have adopted a new policy with regard to advertizing. Anyone who obtains an ad will receive a commission of 20% for doing so. On continuing ads, the commission will apply only on the first month. The rates for advertizing are \$2.00 per column inch. When payment is made in advance, the rate is reduced. For 6 months the rate becomes \$1.75 and if paid a year in advance the rate is only \$1.50 per column inch.

There are many services that could benefit from an ad in Scandinavian Centre News. For example, a barber, an auto body shop, music school, etc. Try your selling ability and bring in an ad. When you get it, send or deliver it to Mrs. Nielsen at 12424 - 141 Street, Edmonton 41.

# SCANDAPADES CONTEST Enter Now

# DANIA DOINGS COMMENT - - -



Remember the Dance on October 17th at the Scandinavian Centre Viking Room. Bring your friends for a good time.

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We will start our Whist evenings on Wednesday, October 8th and there will be such an evening every month, except in December, the last will be April 8th. Again this year we will be playing for a Trophy for the one with the highest score during the season. Quite a few enjoyed these evenings last year, but we can have more people, and we are hoping to see twice as many this season. It makes a very nice social evening. Take notice of the dates to come: Oct. 8th, Nov. 12, Jan. 14th, Febr. 11th, March 11th, and April 8th. All are Wednesdays. Hope to see you.

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All members of "DANIA" keep in mind Wednesday, October 29th for the Annual General Meeting held at the Scandinavian Centre DANIA Room at 8:00 p.m. After the meeting a film will be shown. Coffee and sandwiches will be served. Decide who you want to see as a director for the next year or two, then come with your vote. Election will be for a President, 3 Directors, 2 Supplanters and 2 Auditors. So remember Wednesday, October 29th, you have a very important date.

## NEWS FROM THE DANISH CHURCH

**Baptismals in the Danish Church:** Annette Hansen, daughter of Hans Peter and Gudrun Hansen, Bremner; Corinne Cleland, daughter of Jack and Inger Cleland, Gibbons; Terence Paul Zimmer, son of Povl and Darlene Zimmer; Delores Jensen, Edmonton; Brenda Skott, daughter of Hardy and Gloria Skott, Fort Saskatchewan; Ivan Bech Madson, son of Svend and Krista Madson, Camrose.

**Weddings:** John Gnyra and Alice Jensen, Edmonton; Aksel Lange and Beatrice Nielsen, Edmonton; Knud Jorgensen and Ann Nielsen, Edmonton; Frits Oluf Jensen of Winfield and Delores Caldwell of Edmonton.

**Funerals:** Mrs. Emma Kristensen passed away August the 22nd and was buried Aug. 26th at the Edmonton Cemetery. Aere vaere hendes minde.

**New form for sermon:** At the Danish evening service Sunday, October the 26th we will try a new form of sermon. The pastor will answer questions which has been given or sent to him or to the church (Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church, 9554 - 108A Ave., Edmonton 17) in advance. The letters with the questions can be send anonymously.

What is wrong with the (our) church today? This will be theor to the church.

Dear Editor;

I could not help noticing the letter in the "Comment" section of the August edition in which Mrs. C. Mortensen enquired into the deletion of the name "Wardair" in two of this summer's flights and all of next summer's flights to Scandinavia. My father and I have flown twice to Scandinavia with Wardair, once to Oslo in 1967 and once to Copenhagen this summer. After having flown with a number of other airlines, we are agreed that we have never received from any other such good service as on our Wardair Charter Flights. We are, therefore, in complete agreement with Mrs. Mortensen.

Although it is now too late to do anything about next summer's flights, I feel that, as shareholders, we are nevertheless entitled to an explanation of the reasons for the change.

Thanking you kindly, I am,  
Sincerely yours,  
Edwin F. Eriksson,  
Box 196,  
Drayton Valley.

Dear Madam,

Please find enclosed post money order for \$5.00. my contribution to your Scandinavian Centre News, also my best wishes.

Yours truly,  
Richard Nelson,  
Fort St. James, B.C.

Mrs. Vera Neilsen,

I am sending in a small donation to this Scandinavian Paper. I enjoy getting it, and usually read it right through, being another Swede! Thanking you,  
Mrs. Anna Evanson,  
Calmar, Alta.

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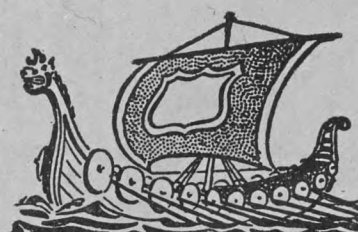
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## Manager's Position Filled



Meet our new manager, Mrs. Edna L. V. Smith, who begins her duties October 1st. Her experience and training lend themselves well in qualifying her for the position of managing the Scandinavian Centre. Mrs. Smith worked eight years with a downtown hotel in charge of the smorgasbord-type catering service, and her most recent position was bookkeeper and accountant for an Edmonton construction firm. She is married and has two married daughters.

## — BUFORD NEWS —

Mrs. Wanda Markstedt, along with 31 4-H members and one other leader, attended the Secretary of State Citizenship Trip at Shoal Lake, Manitoba. She was also asked to help with judging on achievement Day by the Millet 4-H Garden Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hamilton travelled down to Key Centre, Washington for their holidays. On their return they stopped at Kelowna, Penticton and Radium.

Mr. Allan MacLennan of Lethbridge spent a few days with his aunt and uncle, Bertha and Anthon Falk.

Lillian Kromm spent her holidays at the coast visiting with her son and other relatives.

Congratulations to Wanda Markstedt and Gladys Sandstrom on

winning several prizes at the Calmar Horticultural Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. George Modin went to Camrose and Edberg to attend the funeral of Doris' uncle, Mr. Emil Lundstrom.

Arnold and Ruth Ecklund and sons returned from a trip to the Okanagan.

Clair Pearson along with his friend, Howard Phillips, celebrated their joint 50th birthdays on Sunday, September 7th. Around 140 friends and relatives gathered at Clair's farm to play horseshoes and games. The afternoon ended with an outdoor turkey supper.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Smith, (nee Jody Forsberg) daughter of Harry and Jurdin Nacuk, who were married on September 6.

## NORDSTJERNAN NEWS

On September 13 our regular meeting, including Initiation Ceremonies, was held at Lone Ridge Hall. Those who became new members of the Vasa Order of America are as follows: Dell Krause, Jack Krause, Faye Holmlund, Dwayne Skjersven, Randy Palechek, Sherry Edin, Elsie Berglin, Phyllis Tapio and Douglas Havanka. Again we extend a welcome to this group. It is especially good to see our young people taking an interest in the lodge. There was further discussion regarding the Lutefisk Supper to be held on November 29 in Wetaskiwin. A committee was appointed to organize teams to be entered in a Bowling League. Following this well-attended meeting, Br. Ron Holmlund called a few square dances with music provided by Br.

Sven Sjogren and Br. Dave Ogren. Owing to the busy harvest season, there will be no meeting in October. Next regular meeting of our lodge is scheduled to be held at the home of Br. Cliff Robins on Saturday, November 1 at 8:30 p.m. Nomination of Officers is on the business agenda.

Congratulations go out to Br. Jack Tapio and his wife Marilyn on the birth of a son.

The very best of Get Well Wishes are extended to those members who have been hospitalized or in some other way on the sick list.

## FINNISH SOCIETY



I would like to thank all my friends to the Finnish Society for coming to celebrate my birthday with me. Many thanks also for the lovely gift.

Tauno Salomaa.

The Finnish Ambassador will be visiting in Edmonton on Oct. 4 or 5.

The first Dance of the season will be held Oct. 4 in the Dania room of the Scandinavian Centre. It begins at 8:00 p.m. Refreshments and Bar.

Come and enjoy the company of your friends.

On Nov. 1st. the Icelandic Society and Finnish Society will be having a joint Dinner and Dance again. Remembering how successful the last dance was. I urge you all to keep this date open and plan to attend.

Mr. Pekka Utunen is collecting membership fees. Those who have not paid please contact him.

Congratulations to the following people celebrating birthdays in September. Mirja Heinonen, Matti Lehtiniemi, Eino Tikkanen, Lauri Vesalainen.

## SAS Catering To Operate Restaurant At Expo 70

Scandinavian Airlines will operate the Scandinavian pavilion restaurant at Japan's EXPO 70, now under construction in Osaka.

The SAS organization, which supplies flight catering for SAS and 16 other airlines as well as 25 restaurants and cafeterias, operated the popular Midnight Sun Restaurant at the Scandinavian pavilion during Montreal's record breaking EXPO 67 and the New York world's fair.

SAS catering does a volume exceeding \$21 million annually.

The airline operates three hotels and is expanding its chain with a \$32 million hotel construction program. Erik Palsgaard, President of SAS Catering, is coordinating the expansion, in Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Greenland.

## ARE YOU MOVING ?

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Price: \$850.00 if you share room with one tour member  
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Flight No. 29

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ADDRESS .....

I am a member in good standing of the Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association Ltd. Yes ☐ No ☐

Date: ..... Signature: .....

## VASA LODGE SKANDIA



The last meeting held at the Lake on September 6, was opened at 7:40 p.m. by Chairman Peter Johnson. Grand Lodge Deputy Margaret Eliasson was seated to the right of the Chairman.

Members reported sick were Emil Weiss, Verner Lindquist, Violet Watson, and Minnie Nelson. Gust Lundgren is still in the Alberta Hospital, and John Jarret in St. Joseph's Hospital.

The dance held in the Club House after the August 2 meeting was a success. Thanks to Ray and Doreen Nyroos for their efforts.

Plans for our 40 Anniversary to be held November 21 are still in the hands of the Past President's Club. They should be finalized by the October meeting night.

While it does seem early, Linnea Lodge and Helge Erickson are working on the calendar of events for the 1970 season. If you have any suggestions, or would like to host an event, please make Linnea's and Helge's job easier by contacting them.

The Smorgasbord is fast approaching! Saturday, October 25 is the date, with supper being served from 6 to 8 p.m. Following supper there will be a short program while the dining area is being cleared for

dancing, from 9 to midnight. There will be two areas for dancing with two orchestras in attendance. Lenart Petersson is in charge of the arrangements with volunteers Emil Weiss, Harold Markstrom, Eric Pierre, and Betty Pearson assisting. Tickets for the evening are available from Eric Pierre, 455-5708, at a cost of \$3.00 per person. Please remember that there is a limited number of tickets and that they are available only in advance, so make your arrangements early.

Greetings from Sweden from Kristine Holmgren were brought by Margaret Eliasson. She also described the highlights of her summer trip to Sweden. Eric and Hansine Pierre also told of their trips to Sweden this summer.

Lunch was donated and served by Evelyn Johnson, and Ethyl Markstrom.

Following the meeting Linnea and Henry Lodge, and Bert and Vi. Watson hosted a social and dance in celebration of their twentieth wedding anniversaries.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER -

Saturday, October 4 -

7:00 p.m. - Regular monthly meeting to be held in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre. Voting on the question of holding

our January meetings on the second Saturday of the month instead of the first will be conducted. New members will be received.

9:00 p.m. - a "Hallowe'en Carnival" hosted by Knut, Ron, and Lynn Engstrom.

Friday, October 10 -

8:00 p.m. - The Women's Auxiliary will hold their monthly meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Winquist, 12038 - 96 St. All ladies are invited to attend this meeting as food for the Smorgasbord will be planned.

Sunday, October 19 -

1:30 p.m. - The 1969-70 Curling Season will get under way. Anyone interested in curling please contact Emil Weiss at 477-7553.

Saturday, October 25 -

6:00 p.m. - Annual Smorgasbord will be held in the Masonic Temple. A program and Dance are included in the \$3.00 price per person. All tickets must be bought in advance, please contact Eric Pierre 455-5708 for tickets.

Saturday, November 1 -

7:00 p.m. - Regular monthly meeting will be held in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre. Nomination of officers for the 1970 term of office will be conducted.

Friday, November 21 -

7:00 p.m. - The Past Chairmen's Club of Skandia Lodge No. 549 will entertain at a dinner in the Scandinavian Centre in honor of the founding of the Edmonton Lodge forty years ago. Tickets are available by sending a self addressed, stamped envelope to Mrs. Linnea Lodge, 12336 St. Albert Road, Edmonton 41, Alberta, before November 10, 1969.

Should you plan to invite guests who are non members, enclose \$3.00 per ticket for such requests.

## VASA GLIMPSES

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Maxwell and sons Roy and Keith, spent a very enjoyable week's holiday soaking in the pools at Fairmont Hot Springs. On their return home, they spent two days visiting friends in Calgary.

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Mr. and Mrs. Earl Erickson have had their son-in-law Bernard Weidman of Richmond, B.C. visiting them.

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Congratulations to Nils and Vivianne Ohlsson on the birth of Steven, August 27. A brother for Kenny.

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Wayne and Audrey Modin, with Barry and Wendy, have left our fair city for Toronto. A promotion for Wayne! Best of luck in your new venture!

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For those of you who were absent from Vasa Park on Sunday, September 7, I have a first to report. Would you believe Airmail Special Delivery Service has been installed? No! Just ask the Lodges, and the Watsons who were the recipients of a parcel that was air-dropped in their honor by Otto von Rosen.

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Margaret Eliasson has been appointed the General Chairman for the forthcoming Vasa Cook Book.

#### DID YOU KNOW - - -

Finland has over 60,000 lakes.

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#### DID YOU KNOW?

The first Swedish immigrants came over in 1637 and landed in what later became the United States. They settled in Delaware and at that time called it New Sweden. They introduced the log cabin to the country and to commemorate these hardy pioneers, the Delaware monument was erected in Gothenburg.

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Hermann Moe, head instructor at the Cook and Steward's School in Tromso, has succeeded in developing a new food product from sea weeds. It can be used in soups, stews and other types of food, more or less like spinach. The product is rich in vitamins and low in calories. A few months ago the Norwegian Fishing Directorate awarded Mr. Moe a 9,000 kroner grant for trial production and marketing of the product.

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The target of the United Community Fund campaign this year is \$1,763,850.00 which will support forty-seven community services that provide health, informal education, recreation and rehabilitative services to the Greater Edmonton area.

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#### SWEDISH STORES END BOYCOTT

STOCKHOLM - After six years of refusing to sell South African fruit, the biggest chain of grocery stores in Sweden called off its boycott. The protest against South African racial policies was costing too much, said the Consumers Co-operative.



# THOR HEYERDAHL'S "Ra" EXPEDITION ENDED

Thor Heyerdahl and his international crew of six are back on dry land once more, after spending eight eventful and strenuous weeks aboard the papyrus boat "Ra", sailing across the Atlantic. The expedition left Safi, Morocco on May 25, planning to arrive somewhere in the West Indies and to attempt continuing from there to the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico.

## Ship Damaged in Heavy Winds

As it turned out, the "Ra" — named for an Egyptian sun god — had to be abandoned by its crew about 600 miles from Barbados. By then the boat had been damaged by stormy seas to a point where repairs were desperately needed. These could not be performed because of the abundance of sharks in the area. At that time parts of the boat were submerged, steering oars and the mast were broken, and the life raft and cabin were destroyed. The crew continued to Bridgetown, Barbados, aboard the yacht "Shenandoah", which had been chartered by Heyerdahl to film the last part of the voyage and to render assistance, if necessary.

## Purpose of the Expedition

Could the old Egyptians have crossed the Atlantic in papyrus boats like the ones depicted in ancient Egyptian temples? This was the main question to which Thor Heyerdahl and his crew sought to find an answer. The Norwegian explorer and scientist pointed out certain similarities in North African and American Indian cultures, sug-

gesting a possible Egyptian influence in the Americas. He particularly noted the existence of pyramids both in Egypt and Central America. This point has been disputed by some scientists who emphasize that the functions of Egyptians and Central American pyramids were different. In Egypt they were used as burial chambers, whereas Indian-built structures such as those in Yucatan were terraced and had a platform on top which was used for human sacrifice.

Heyerdahl also pointed out that reed boats which are presently used on Lake Titicaca in the Andes and on Easter Island in the Pacific are similar to those used on Lake Chad in North Africa.

## Experiment in Internatioal Cooperation

Another purpose of the "Ra" expedition was to show that men of different nationality, religion and color can get along together and can work well together under the most strenuous of circumstances. The flag of the expedition members' home countries were flown by the "Ra", along with that of the United Nations. The national flags were those of Egypt, Italy, Mexico, the Republic of Chad, the United States, the U.S.S.R. and Norway.

## "Ra" Continues Without Crew

When the time came to abandon the papyrus boat, the crew left the sail up, supported by two oars. At that point the "Ra" had covered 4,800 miles, which is 500 miles farther than the distance sailed

during the 1947 voyage of the Kon-Tiki expedition, also headed by Heyerdahl.

The "Ra" is now drifting towards the West Indies without its international crew, and it is expected that the unusual craft will hit shore at Barbados.

## Egypt to Build "Ra 2"

Egypt's Deputy Foreign Minister Adel Taher has announced that his country wishes to build a second papyrus boat in order to complete the voyage which Heyerdahl's expedition was forced to bring to an end while still on the open sea. Mr. Taher said that Mr. Heyerdahl would be invited to supervise the building of "Ra 2".

## Heyerdahl States Main Point Was Proven

In Bridgetown, Barbados, Thor Heyerdahl stated that the "Ra" expedition proved that ancient Egyptians could have sailed across the Atlantic and that they could have influenced Indian cultures in America. The explorer also said that the other part of the experiment had been completely successful; the international group aboard the "Ra" cooperated extremely well and the moral was high throughout the voyage.

As for his immediate plans, Mr. Heyerdahl said that he is going to write a book and release a film about the "Ra" expedition. He also mentioned that he had received requests to exhibit the papyrus boat in several countries.

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# LEIF EIRIKSSON DAY OCT. 9th

## ADDRESS BY AMBASSADOR PETUR THORSTEINSSON on occasion of Leif Eiriksson Day 1967

On September 2nd, 1964, the Congress of the United States by a joint resolution authorized the President of the United States to proclaim October 9th in each year as Leif Eiriksson Day.

But the resolution of 1964 was not the first time that the Congress of the United States recognized the importance of Leifur Eiriksson. It was also done in the year 1930 — the one thousand years anniversary of the Icelandic Parliament, the Althing — when the United States Congress presented Iceland with a large and beautiful statue of Leifur Eiriksson — a statue by the well known American sculptor Sterling Calder. On its pedestal was written: Leif Eiriksson, Son of Iceland, Discoverer of Wineland. The statue is standing in the heart of Reykjavik, the capital city of Iceland.

Just before the year 800 A.D. the so-called Viking age was commencing in Europe — a period which lasted about two centuries. The Vikings were Scandinavians or Norsemen — Danes, Norwegians, Swedes — who were then among the best shipbuilders and sailors in the world. They are usually thought of as redoubtable warriors who raided the coasts of Europe and the British Isles. Much less is known about the Scandinavians of the Viking period who were traders and settlers and colonized parts of France and Britain and the whole of Sicily, — established the first Russian State, — The Kiev State — traveled by inland waterways through Russia to the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea, manned the Byzantine fleet and conducted trade in the towns of the Arab world. Norwegians settled in Iceland where during this period a Republic was established governed by a central parliament — the Althing — a parliament which still exists today — more than 1000 years old. This was a Republic of a remarkable civilization and culture where the famous Icelandic literature — the Sagas and Eddas — was created during the 12th, 13th and 14th centuries — a Republic which existed for 330 years until Iceland became a kingdom in 1262 in a personal union with Norway.

Many of the settlers in Iceland were great and hardy seafarers who had been on voyages and Viking expeditions. After settling in Iceland many of them continued their seafaring life and went on voyages to other countries, and Iceland became a center of exploration. It was even so, that less than a century after the establishment of the Icelandic state (930) the Icelanders concluded with King Olaf Haraldsson of Norway a treaty in which it was stipulated that Icelanders who were on exploring expeditions and happened to be blown off course to the shores of Norway, should not have to pay the customary tax (landaurar) imposed on those entering the country. — In the next century Spitzbergen was discovered by sailors on their way from Iceland to Norway, some time before 1170. And according to Icelandic Annals the island of Jan Mayen was discovered in 1194.

For people in Iceland it was natural to think that there were lands to be found further west. Having sailed from Norway, Sweden or Denmark — first to the isles north of Scotland, then to the Faroe Is-

lands and then to Iceland — always further west — it was no reason to surmise that Iceland was the end of the world. — And they soon became aware of more westerly lands. Already around the year 900 an Icelander, Gunnbjorn Ulfsson, was stormswept into unknown waters west off Iceland where he saw some islands or skerries and caught a glimpse of a mainland. This was evidently the east coast of Greenland. It appears that this discovery was not followed up until 70-80 years later when in the year 978 a shipload of men from Iceland went to the east coast of Greenland where they were snowed in and spent a dreadful winter.

Soon after this, in 981 or 982, Erik the Red set off from Iceland to look for this land. He avoided the east coast, sailed around Cape Farewell and then spent 2 years exploring the more inviting west coast. He liked the country, and decided to give it the attractive name of Greenland so that people would be more tempted to go there. — At this time the western districts of Iceland were fully settled or even overpopulated and a number of people from there now went to Greenland and settled there, — mainly in two settlements on the west coast. It is estimated that the Icelandic settlement of Greenland at one time reached 3,000 people.

Greenland was an independent state like Iceland, governed by a central parliament. Christianity was introduced there from Iceland soon after the year 1000 which was the year when Christianity was adopted in Iceland by its parliament. The Greenland state lost its independence in 1261 and came under the rule of the King of Norway — and in the 16th century the Icelandic Greenlanders disappeared completely from Greenland.

An Icelandic merchant, Bjarni Herjolfsson, sailing with his crew from Iceland to Greenland was blown off course. They saw an unknown land and sailed for many days northwards along its coastline, never landing, and finally turned east and reached Greenland. The coasts along which Bjarni Herjolfsson sailed must have been, according to the description, those of Newfoundland, Labrador and Baffinland. This was about the year 986.

Erik the Red, the Founder of the Greenland settlement, had three sons, Leifur, Thorvaldur and Thorsteinn, and one daughter, Freydis — all born in Iceland. — One of the sons, Leifur Eiriksson, later called Leifur the Lucky, bought from Bjarni Herjolfsson the ship on which he was sailing when he sighted the new lands. Leifur rallied a crew of 35 and set off on a voyage of exploration. He found the same countries as Bjarni had seen. The northernmost, evidently Baffinland, which Leifur called Helluland, meaning Slabland or Flagstoneland. Next they probably came to what is now Labrador, which Leifur called Markland or Forestland. And finally, further south they came to a land which Leifur called Vinland or Wineland — the land of wine. We don't know exactly where on the coast it was. Some scholars

place it in New England and others in Newfoundland. Leifur Eiriksson and his men explored the country and were delighted at what they found: meadows of wild wheat, forests, rolling grasslands, rivers full of salmon and wild grapes. They built houses there and then returned to Greenland with a cargo of timber and grapes.

This was about the year 1000.

Other voyages of exploration followed. One was directed by Thorvaldur, brother of Leifur the Lucky. He and his men encountered natives whose appearance and habits indicate beyond a doubt that they were Indians. Thorvaldur was killed by an arrow shot by one of them. His men then returned to Greenland.

The third son of Erik the Red, Thorsteinn, then prepared a strong expedition in order to fetch the body of his brother Thorvaldur who had been buried in Wineland. But due to weather conditions they never reached Wineland and returned Greenland.



**Statue of Leifer Eiriksson by the American sculpter, Sterling Calder**

The voyages of exploration culminated in the expedition led by a wealthy Icelandic merchant, Thorfinnur Karlsefni, who was brother-in-law of Leifur Eiriksson. He was the first European to attempt to found a permanent settlement in America. He brought with him all necessary equipment and domestic animals, with sixty men and 5 women. With Leifur Eiriksson's permission these people lived in the houses which he had built in Wineland.

After a year in Wineland, Karlsefni and his people had their first encounter with Indians. First they traded with them. But during the second winter one of Karlsefni's men killed an Indian for trying to steal some weapons. After that there was no peace in the Colony so they returned to Greenland.

A son was born to Karlsefni and his wife while they were in Wineland — the first white man to be born in America, who was given the name Snorri. Snorri has many descendants in Iceland, among them two famous bishops who lived in the 12th century.

After Karlsefni's death his widow, Gudridur, went on a pilgrimage to Rome. She must have been the most traveled woman in the world at that time, — having had child in America, lived in Greenland and Iceland, and then traveled to Italy, through many other countries, and then returned to Iceland.

Following Karlsefni's venture of colonization records of such expeditions to Wineland are few. One such record is an entry in the Icelandic Annals for the year 1121, saying: "Bishop Erik of Greenland went in search of Wineland".

Contacts between Greenland and Markland — which was evidently Labrador — continued, for archeologists have found in Greenland evidence of imported Labrador birch during that period, and also the Icelandic Annals mention that in the year 1347 a ship which had been in Markland was driven off course on its way to Greenland, and finally landed in Iceland.

The first mentioning of Wineland in the world literature is in a history book compiled in the year 1075 by a German priest called Adam of Bremen. He writes there about Vinland which he says was given that name because vines grew wild there and yielded excellent grapes, and he says that self-sown grain grew there in abundance.

The main source, however, for the knowledge of the Greenland state and the voyages to America is the Saga literature which I mentioned before and which was written in Iceland in the 12th, 13th and 14th centuries.

In this literature the earliest recorded reference to the Greenland colony and to Wineland is in a book written about the year 1127 by the scholar and historian Ari Thorgilsson of Iceland. That is a vernacular history of the Icelandic people, called *Islendingabok*, or the book of Icelanders. This book was compiled at the request of two bishops of Iceland, one of whom was Bishop Thorlakur Runolfsson, a grandson of Snorri Thorfinnsson, who was born in Wineland.

But a detailed account of the Greenland and Wineland explorations are only to be found in the two so-called Vinland Sagas, — the *Graenlendinga Saga* (The Saga of the Greenlanders) and *Erik's Saga*. The stories they tell are among the most fascinating in the history of exploration. These two sagas have been a matter of great controversy because they conflict with one another on some important points — the main difference being that according to Erik's Saga, Leifur Eiriksson, after having spent a winter in Norway, where he became a Christian, was persuaded by King Olafur Tryggvason of Norway to go back to Greenland as a missionary in order to convert the Greenlanders to Christianity. In the year 1000 he is said to have set off for Greenland for this purpose, but was blown off course and then happened to sight unexpected lands where he found maple trees, wheat and vines.

The other Vinland Saga, — The Saga of the Greenlanders — has the other version which I have

described to you today. Recent research shows that this saga is considerably older than Erik's Saga, probably written at least half a century earlier (before 1200). Recent research also seems to prove that Leifur Eiriksson's mission on behalf of King Olafur Tryggvason never took place, and that an Icelandic monk, Gunnlaugur Leifsson, who was engaged in writing a biography of King Olafur, invented this story in order to glorify the king by showing that he had converted six countries to Christianity instead of five as earlier historians had maintained. As King Olafur Tryggvason can be said to be one of the founders of the Scandinavian Church it is understandable that the ecclesiastical writers later wished to enhance his fame.

We can therefore be fairly certain that the American continent was first sighted by Bjarni Herjolfsson and later explored by Leifur Eiriksson who made careful preparations for his expedition.

This does not mean that Erik's Saga is all fiction. One the contrary, it has many details which are not mentioned in the Greenlanders Saga and thus compliments the latter.

In recent times, Danish archeologists have conducted extensive research work in Greenland and they have excavated hundreds of dwellings of the old Icelandic Greenlanders, including the farm of Erik the Red at Brattahlid. The ruins of his farm show that Erik had four barns and room for forty head of cattle.

The archeologists have also found the remains of the small church built by Thjodhildur, the wife of Erik the Red, — as described in Erik's Saga. That is the earliest dateable church that has been found anywhere in the Scandinavian world.

Greenland has yielded immensely valuable archeological material. On the other hand, archeologists have failed until recently to discover any tangible evidence of the voyages of the Greenlanders and Icelanders to the American continent. However, within the last few years the Norwegian, Dr. Helge Instad, and his archeologist wife have made very interesting discoveries in Newfoundland.

Dr. Instad based his geographical calculations on the sailing times and directions stated in the Vinland Sagas and on an Icelandic map of the North Atlantic drawn by Sigurdur Stefansson in 1590, — and the came to the conclusion that Newfoundland was the likeliest location for Vinland. — And at l'Anse aux Meadows he came across sites which now are recognized as remnants of a Norse settlement from around the year 1000.

Of course there is no proof that the houses built by Leifur Eiriksson and his men are at this particular place — and that is rather unlikely. On the other hand, it is rather evident that there were more expeditions from Greenland and Iceland to the North American continent than those mentioned in the Vinland Sagas — and the site discovered by Dr. Instad may be remnants of houses from one such expedition.

One more factor corroborating the account given by the Vinland cont'd. on page 8



**Leif Eiriksson Day**

Sagas is the Vinland map of 1440 which was published by the Yale University two years ago and caused quite a storm. And I am sure that still other material will be discovered which will illuminate further the old Vinland voyages. It has for instance long been held that the old archives of the Vatican in Rome have documents which throw light on some aspects of the history of the Norsemen, both in Scandinavia, Greenland and Iceland. Quite recently the Pope has given permission to a Norwegian scientist to investigate and study such documents in the Vatican archives.

Some people consider it of little significance whether the Vikings discovered America long before Columbus or not — since — as they say — they lost it again. But America was never fully lost sight of after the Viking discoveries around the year 1000. — I have already mentioned the ship that came from Markland to Iceland in 1347 — and, also, it is clear that the knowledge of the western lands was always alive in Iceland.

Around the year 1400 the British began sending ships to Iceland — partly for fishing and partly for trade. The communications between Iceland and Britain became more and more frequent, and around the year 1420 the famous Bristol merchants began trade with Iceland.

The British-Icelandic trade continued throughout the 15th century. Many British people visited Iceland and some stayed there for considerable time — and many Icelandic sailors worked on British ships.

When the British around the year 1480 began their search for the lands in the west — is it not more than likely that they had heard from the Icelanders about Helluland, Markland and Vinland? This search by the British was crowned by success in 1497 when John Cabot chartered the coasts of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.

Of course, there is no proof of links between Leifur Eiriksson and John Cabot. But the famous Vinland map of the Yale University which I mentioned, seems to indicate that such links may be found one day. And who knows what documents are yet to be found in the Vatican archives?

It is also of interest to note that at the same time as the British were trading with Iceland in the 15th century they had also contacts with Portugal, and many of the Englishmen who were in Iceland also went to Portugal. And according to the biography of Christopher Columbus, written by his son in 1521, Columbus visited Iceland in 1477 when he was 25 years old. This is disputed by many scholars, but others believe it. Among those who believe that the story of Col-

umbus's visit to Iceland is true is the known Spanish writer, Salvador de Madariaga. And in his book on Columbus he supports the theory that the visit to Iceland had its part in forming Columbus's conviction that there was sea route to India westward across the Atlantic.

When Columbus was forced, at the Robida Convent, to give his reasons for his belief that land existed beyond the rim of the Western Ocean, he stated that he based his conviction "... first, on the nature of things, second, on the reports of navigators, and third, on the authority of learned writers." Nothing had been written at that time about lands in the west except about those discovered by the Norse Icelanders and Greenlanders.

It is greatly to his credit that before embarking upon his journey, Columbus thoroughly informed himself, — studied the scientific records of the time and all available navigational information.

I would like to add that as far as I can see the knowledge of the voyages of the Norse Icelanders and Greenlanders to North America, in no way detracts from the fame of Columbus. He is certainly the same ingenious navigator and explorer as before.

We honor the memory of another great explorer, Leifur Eiriksson, who crossed the oceans 500 years earlier, with no compass, no

lodestone nor other navigational equipment.

Knowledge of the Vinland voyage has not been widespread in this country until recently. And I wish to mention that the fact that the exploits of Leifur Eiriksson and his kinsmen are recognized in the USA today is mainly due to the interest and concern of American people of Norwegian descent, beginning with the late Rasmus Bjorn Anderson of Wisconsin (1846-1936), the first professor of Scandinavian languages in the United States. It was his proposal, already before the turn of the century, to celebrate a Leifur Eiriksson Day every year. He wanted thus to give Leifur Eiriksson a position as a symbol of the Scandinavian immigrants to America and at the same time draw attention to his contribution to the life of the American people. Mr. Anderson proposed a date in October for the Leif Eiriksson Day because at that time of the year the grapes are ripe.

The exploits of Leifur Eiriksson are now also recognized in Canada. People of Icelandic descent who are quite numerous in Canada, contributed and donated a large and beautiful bronze plaque — a centennial gift to the Canadian Government and the Canadian people. Excerpts in Icelandic from the Saga of the Greenlanders describing the voyages of Bjarni Herjolfs-

son and Leifur Eiriksson are inscribed there. On one side is an English translation and on the other a French one. The heading of this memorial is: "A Chapter in Canadian History". This plaque was accepted at a ceremony earlier this year by the Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. Lester Pearson, and it is now on a wall in the new National Library and Archives Building in Ottawa. At the ceremony were present the Ambassadors of the five Scandinavian countries, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden, and also the Ambassador of Mexico and a representative of the United States Ambassador.

If the descendants of the Norwegians in the U.S.A. are mainly to be thanked for the recognition of Leifur Eiriksson in the United States today, the people of Icelandic descent in Canada are mainly to be thanked for such recognition of Leifur Eiriksson in Canada.

This fascinating story of Leifur Eiriksson and his kinsmen — these daring pioneering exploits, these heroic deeds, — should serve us as a constant reminder and inspiration to spare no effort in every sphere of human progress and endeavor.

LOGBERG-HEIMSKRINGLA.

## ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

### DATES TO REMEMBER —

Nov. 1st — 7:00 p.m. - midnight.

A dinner and dance to be held in conjunction with the Finnish Society at the Scandinavian Centre at 14220 - 125 Ave. Tickets may be obtained from your executive members. A hearty welcome is extended to all.

Oct. 3rd — 8:00 p.m. —

Executive meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Oddson at 6412 84 Street. Ph. 466-6838.

Mrs. G. (Della) Roland, director of the Saga singers, reports that they are reorganizing for the fall and winter activities, and will start their regular practice soon. The Saga Singers are a group of ladies and gentlemen who enjoy singing and extend an invitation to interested folk to join them.

If you wish to sing in English or Icelandic you will be welcomed by a charming director and a happy group of singers. Please phone Mrs. Roland 433-3393 or Mrs. G. Thorvaldson 466-1570.

Birthday Greetings go out to Honorary Life Member Mrs. Sigrun Margret (Runi) Fredrickson. She will be celebrating her birthday Oct. 28th, and to all who celebrate October birthdays we wish you good health and happiness.

Congratulations to Marvyan and Carol Nelson (nee Arnfinson) on the arrival of their wee daughter, Aug. 28th at the University Hospital. She will share this day with her proud and happy grand father, Mr. Clarence Christian Nelson of Wetaskiwin who celebrated his 75th birthday an Aug. 28.

We wish them many happy birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Newcomb and their children Charles, Ross and Carol were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Marvin at their farm home at Warburg over the Labor Day week end.

Mrs. Loa Johannson of Cloverdale, B.C. was a visitor to Edmonton and a guest at the home of Frieda and Cam Smith. She visited friends and relatives before going on to Red Deer and Innisfail on her return trip to her home in B.C.

Mr. Chris MacNaughton has been a patient in the General Hospital where he received surgery on his arm. We wish you a speedy and complete recovery, Chris.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Valgardson and family of Gimli, Man., motored to Edmonton to visit Earl and Pearl Valgardson and family on their return trip they stopped in Calgary to spend some time with another brother "Allen" who has been recovering from major surgery he underwent early in the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Arason spent a 2 week holiday in Sept. motoring through the mountains via the Roger's Pass to Vancouver, Victoria then on to Seattle, Spokane and the Grand Coulee Dam. They returned by way of Glacier National Park and Waterton Lakes.

It was a great thrill for Mrs. Don Shaw and family while watching the televised — Canada Summer Games, to see her 18 yr. old sister, Valerie Peterson of Gimli, Man., display her outstanding athletic abilities and win the bronze medal in the Javelin Throw. Valerie, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of

Commerce, has appeared in many sporting competitions across Canada. She will be entering the university of Manitoba for the fall term, and her major will be physical education.

Frieda and Cam Smith spent a most enjoyable holiday travelling north to Dawson Creek and on to Prince George via the Hart Highway. A side trip to Barkerville and Bowron Lake where camped, enjoyed the sights and fished.

They returned home via the valley to Kamloops, mile 100 — Little Fort and home through Yellowhead route.

Micky and Dan Shaw and family motored to Gimli, Manitoba to attend the family reunion of Micky's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Peterson and family. Present were: Lucille and Ian Lane and family of Calgary, Micky and Don Shaw and family of Edmonton, Karen and John Smith and family of Ontario, Valerie Peterson of Gimli, Robert and Raylene Peterson of Gladstone, and Gordon and Joyce Peterson and son of Winnipeg. It was the first time the family had all been together in 17 years. It was a most enjoyable occasion for Mr. and Mrs. Peterson to have all their children and grand children with them.

Mrs. Solveig Thor and three daughters, Laurie, Chris and Vicki of Los Altos, California, visited at the home of her nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gunnar Thorvaldson. The Thors are on an extensive trip by train from Victoria to Toronto to visit friends and relatives. Mrs. Thor (nee Goodmanson) visited her aunt, Mrs. Ben Jeffery, in Marshall, Saskatchewan,

and was fortunate to see her cousins and their families — Mrs. Arlene Finnestad of Calgary and Blaine Jeffery of Prince George, B.C.

Mrs. H. Sumarlidason, entertained at an afternoon coffee party in honour of Mrs. Charles H. Grant and her daughter, Beatrice Mrs. Rolf who had recently returned from a holiday in Iceland. The many guests enjoyed hearing news and interesting details of their holiday in Iceland. Mrs. H. Halldorson poured coffee. A very delightful afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Grant (Jonina) Eaman, Mrs. Al (Jonina) Campbell and Mrs. Tom (Hildur) Yelic attended the Icelandic Festival of Manitoba held in Gimli, August 3 and 4. On Sunday, August 3rd the unveiling of a monument and the official opening of Vilhjalmur Stefansson Memorial Park was held at Arnes, Manitoba, to honor the late Arctic explorer, Vilhjalmur Stefansson. Those taking part in the unveiling festivities were: Mrs. V. L. Sigurdson, Chairman; Grettir Johannson, Consul general of Iceland; Dr. Thorvaldur Johnson and Rev. Philip Petersson, Minister of Culture, Province of Manitoba.

Mrs. Asta Oddson of Winnipeg is visiting at the home of her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leif Oddson. Mrs. Rosemary Chase of Fort McMurray is expected to be in the city for a visit with her mother also.



An old farmer made his wife keep a cash account. Each week he would go over it, growling and grumbling. On one such occasion he delivered himself on the following:

"Look here, Sarah, mustard plasters 50c; three teeth extracted, \$2.00! There's \$2.50 in one week spent for your own private pleasure. Do you think I'm made of money?"

A party of tourists in Arizona came upon an Indian brave riding a pony. A heavy burdened squaw walked beside him.

"Why doesn't the squaw ride?" asked the tourist.

"She got no pony."

Judge after charging jury: "Is there any question you would like to ask before considering the evidence?"

Juror: "A couple of us would like to know if the defendant boiled the malt one or two hours and how did he keep the yeast out?"

Use your mind, it is more likely to rust than wear out.

We never have broken our word. We engage a lawyer who may bend it a little.

She — "How old do you think I am?"

He — "You don't look it."



## Singers Begin Fall Season

The Saga Singers, the singing arm of the Edmonton Icelandic Society, had their beginning at a Christmas Concert at Molson's Edmonton House in 1964. Lillian Sumarladason organized a carol sing song after the planned concert, gathering a group at the front to sing old Icelandic favorites. The quality of the performance was so impressive that the group was mobilized again to perform as part of a dramatic production in the 1965 Scandapades. That fall the men in the group participated in a United Nations Association function, and again the whole group entertained at the Christmas concert and in Scandapades. Mrs. Sumarladason decided to discontinue her role as conductor after the 1966 Scandapades.

The people who had been singing in this "choir for special occasions" decided they would enjoy meeting occasionally during the year for a pleasant evening's singing and fellowship. This decision ultimately resulted in the formal organization of the choir, the choice of a name, Saga Singers, the election of officers, and the official appointment of Della Roland as choir director and accompanist. At the organizational meeting in March, 1968, Nina Campbell was chosen president of the group, and still occupies that position.

The Saga Singers have entertained at all the official functions of the Icelandic Society for the last couple of years — Thorablot, crowning of the Fjallkona, Christmas Concert. When the Icelandic Society is entertaining prominent out-of-town guests, the choir is usually asked to contribute to his welcome to Edmonton. Preparation for Scandapades has consumed a great deal of the choir's practice time as they have taken part in it for the last five years, with varying degrees of success. The Scandinavian Centre's Cultural Committee has asked the choir to take part in other of its activities, and they sang at one of its coffee parties last year. Saga Singers have also performed for other groups when asked. The Unitarian Church of Edmonton invited their participation during a service devoted to the role of Icelanders in the development of that denomination in Western Canada. The United Nations Association has heard the Saga Singers twice. The old people in the home in Gimli, Manitoba received a tape of favorite Icelandic songs last Christmas as a gift from the choir.

On April 27, 1969, the Saga Singers gave their first full concert at the town hall in Markerville, Alberta, an old Icelandic settlement. People from Calgary, Red Deer and Edmonton attended, as well as those from the immediate area. The choir performed admirably for a receptive, friendly audience.

It was a gratifying experience for the choir, who were feasted after the concert by the local ladies.

From its casual beginnings several years ago, the Saga Singers have developed into a very active group with many obligations. It now meets regularly in members' homes to practice. The membership has fluctuated and changed over the years depending on member's interest and time. There are currently fifteen to twenty regulars, who look forward too another year of practice, performance and pleasant association.

## SOLGLYTSPOTLIGHT



### COMING EVENTS:

Junior Lodge, October 3, 1969, (Seniors and Juniors), Nordic Room, 99c Hard Time Hoedown, Spot Prizes, Lunch and Refreshments available. Carl Elgstrand's Orchestra.

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Junior Lodge, Rummage Sale — November 1st, 1969 — Jasper Place Legion.

Tickets for Lutefisk Supper, November 22nd, now available, Please Phone Stan Hafso 433-1825 or Joe Lineham 455-8860.

The Ladies Sewing Group will have their next gathering Wednesday, October 15th, 8 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Gladys Clark at 13552 123A Avenue.

Your Solglyt news reporter for October will be Mrs. Fred Nielsen. Please phone her with any news you would like to mention. Her telephone number is 455-6582.

The Junior and Adult dancers and ladie's Drill Team are all off to a good start, anyone interested, please phone Mrs. Lineham at 455-8860.

Mrs. Inger Lagergren is a patient in the Royal Alex Hospital and would appreciate visitors.

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. W. (Eva) Meyer on the recent loss of her mother, Mrs. Milobar.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Amdam (Kalmars' parents) celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in Edmonton recently. They were married in this city on July 22, 1919, and farmed in the Vilna district until 1954, when they moved to Edmonton. The Golden Anniversary was celebrated by an Open House at the home of their daughter Margery on Sunday, July 20, 1969. A Family Dinner was held in their honor at the home of their youngest son, Alvin, and his wife Gail, on July 22, 1969. Their eldest son Olav from Vilna, and Ole's brother Hans and his wife from Terrace, B.C., came to join in the festivities. A presentation of money and some lovely gifts were received from friends. Their four children presented them with a colored television set. Congratulatory certificates were received from Lieut. Governor Grant McEwan and Premier Harry Strom.

Alice Torgness and Barret Holgerson from Vancouver spent a week's vacation at the home of Mrs. Ragna Sivertsen.

Ruth Hammerstad enjoyed a week's visit from Martha Slagsvold of Iowa, U.S.A.

Ed, Elva and Mark Vees and Betty McKeivitt took a circle trip of the Yellowhead Route and returned by the Roger's Pass over the Labor Day week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Logan have recently returned from a vacation in the Prince George and High Prairie district, also to Rocky Mountain House. Do you think they were looking for the "Sasquatch"?

Irene Lagergren spent the Labor Day week-end visiting her fiancé and friends in the Grande Prairie district.

Mr. and Mrs. Sig Sorenson have recently left for a two week trip to Norway.

Reverend and Mrs. Patterson, Shiela and Dan of Battleford visited Bernard and Kay Olafson.

Maisie Amdam took care of a 94 year old man for over three weeks, so that his daughter and son-in-law could visit relatives and friends in Holland.

Mrs. Robert Sivertsen (Judy) is back in the class rooms again. She is taking education at the University of Calgary.

Bernard and Kay Olafson, Alf and Farral Olafson, Peter Hansen, Shirley McIntosh and Freda Caldwell spent Labor Day in Calgary at the races and later took in the football game.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Mjaatveit spent a very enjoyable vacation in Victoria, Vancouver and Nelson, and on their returned picked up their grandchildren in Calgary and bought them back to Edmonton for a week of vacation.



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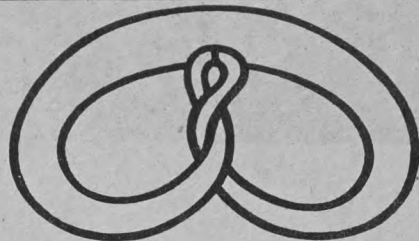
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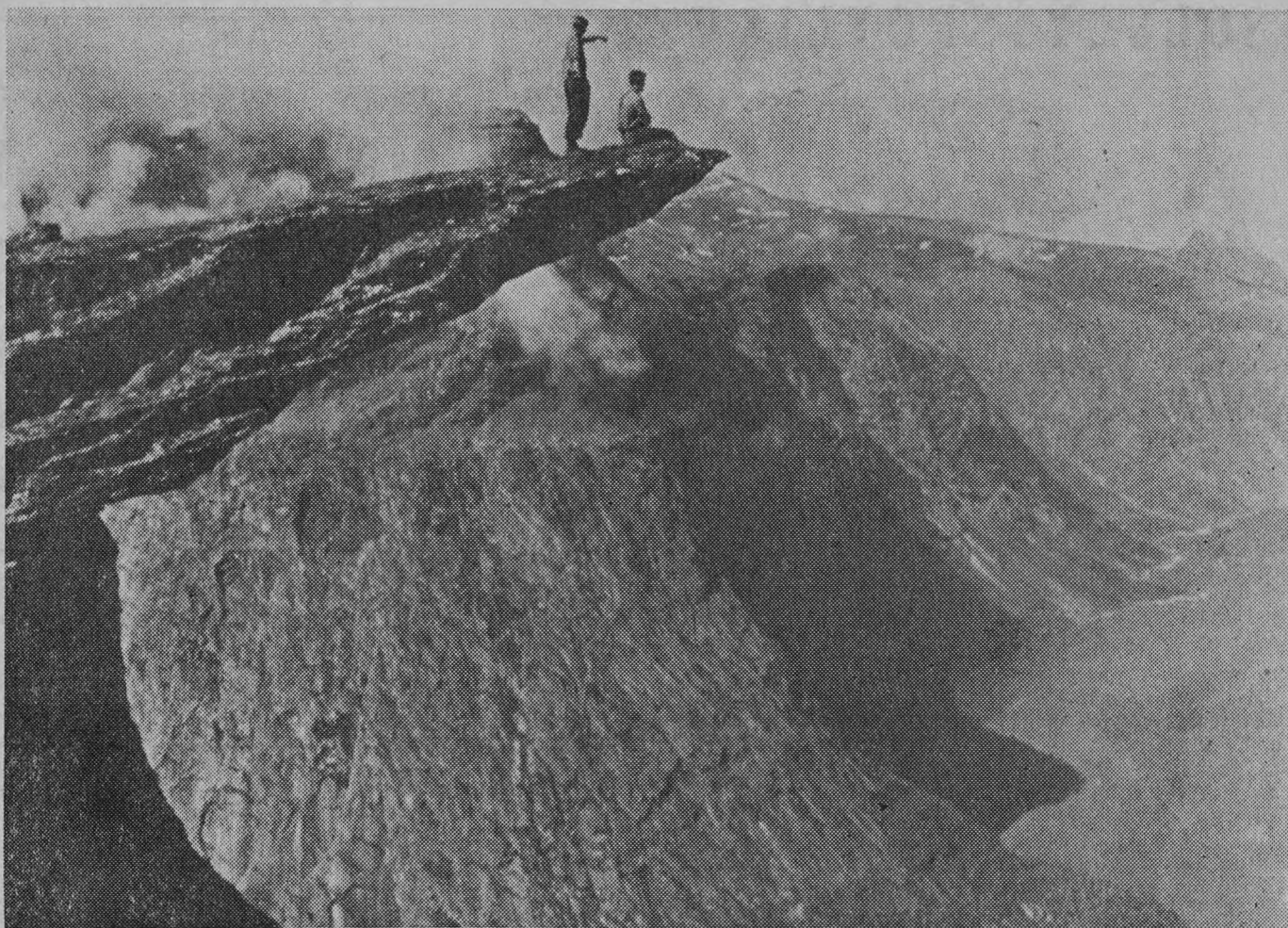


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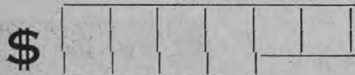
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Near the coast the ice cap was relatively thin. Farther inland its thickness increased, and its weight assumed enormous proportions. Thus, where rivers had already dug valleys, it continued to burrow deeper and deeper — sometimes as far beneath sea level as the harder rock mountains towered above it. At the coast, however, the pressure of the ice was relatively lighter, and this accounts for the shallowness of the fjord mouths — this threshold may be only 500 feet beneath the sea level, while in the interior the fjord might be 4,000 feet deep.

As the icecap retreated, saltwater was let in to fill the enormous basins up to sea level — and this salinity, in combination with the offshore blessing of the Gulf Stream, is responsible for the fact that the fjords never freeze, except in their remotest branches.

But the icecap has not completely vanished. It remains in the form of the big glaciers that constitute Norway's big reservoir generating the waterfalls which are harnessed to provide the power for the country's industries.



A man left a bony horse on Main Street one Saturday, and coming back a short time afterward, discovered that someone had placed a placard against the fleshless ribs bearing the notice, 'Oats wanted — inquire within.'

"Well, Bill," asked a neighbor, "I hear the boss had a fever. How's his temperature today?"

The hired man scratched his head and decided not to commit himself.

"Tain't fer me to say," he replied. "The boss died last night."

"I am proud of my girls and would like to see them comfortably married," said the old man to the young stranger. "I have made a little money; they will not go penniless to their husbands. There is Beatrice, 25 years old, and a really good girl. I shall give her \$1,000 when she marries. Then comes Bernice who won't see 35 again. I shall give her \$3,000 and the man who takes Beulah, who is 40, will have \$5,000 with her."

The young man reflected a moment and then asked, "You haven't one about 50, have you?"



## WEDDING BELLS

### GISLASON-DUBIE

Miss Lorna Laverne Dubie was the charming picture of a lovely bride as she entered All Saint's Anglican Church, Aug. 16, on the arm of her father. The wedding took place in Athabasca, Alberta.

Reverend G. Ash performed the double ring ceremony uniting her in marriage to Mr. Frank David Gislason, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gislason.

The bride's floor length gown was of brocade lace over satin with a long detachable train of the same material. Her illusion veil was centered by flowers and pearls. Her only jewelry was a pearl necklace, a gift of the groom. Lorna carried a bouquet of white gladiolas accented by pink carnations and green fern.

The bridesmaids were Miss Betty Bandola and Miss Gwen Locker. They wore identical gowns of pink chiffon over satin with head bands of the same material inset with small pink flowers. They carried sweetheart bouquets of pink and white carnations.

Mr. Ron Weldon of Calgary and Mr. Phil Hunt of Cremona attended the groom.

The little flower girls were Miss Tara Morely and Miss Susan Lane wearing long white dresses with flower crowns and little nosegay bouquets of pink and white carnations.

The bride's mother, Mrs. Dubie, wore an off-white crepe dress with matching hat and gloves, and a corsage of red roses.

Mrs. Gislason, mother of the groom, wore a royal blue fortrel dress trimmed in white with matching hat. Her corsage was of pink roses.

A reception, dinner and dance, was held in the Menook Community hall with the Women's Institute catering. The bride's sister, Mrs. Shirley Morely was in charge of the guest book, and her brother-in-law, Mr. Dale Morely was Master of Ceremonies. Rev. G. Ash said grace. Mr. Bert Lane proposed the toast to the bride. The groom replied with some well chosen words and paid tribute to their respective parents.

The happy young couple enjoyed a two week honeymoon trip to the west coast and the United States. They will make their home in Edmonton.

### DREVER-Arnfinson

Mrs. Tresa Arnfinson of Edmonton is pleased to announce the marriage of her daughter Illa Violet to Mr. William Askwith Drever. The candlelight ceremony was performed by the Reverend Christiansen in St. Mark's Anglican Church at seven o'clock p.m. August 23, 1969.

Mrs. Harrison played the "Trumpet Processional" by Handel on the organ as the bride walked radiantly down the aisle on the arm of her brother Terrence Sigfus.

The bride was beautiful in a long gown of English slub silk peau de soie with heavy bonds of French lace appliqué on the bell sleeves and hemline. The wedding ring collar complimented the smaller wedding ring head piece which held the shoulder length French illusion silk veil. The bride carried a bouquet of mauve orchids amidst white pompom mums with trailing English ivy and her only jewellery was a pair of pearl stud earrings, a gift from the groom.

The bride was attended by her sister, Corinne Bonnie, Mrs. Robert Gust, who wore a long simple mauve gown of peau d'elegance. She carried a bouquet of deep purple asters with blue cornflowers and trailing English Ivy.

The groom was attended by his brother Mrs. James Drever of Calgary.

The mother of the bride, Mrs. Tresa Arnfinson, wore an aqua silk slub dress with a matching hat and off-white accessories. Her corsage of pink sweetheart roses complimented her ensemble beautifully.

Mrs. A. P. Drever, the mother of the groom, chose an off-white and silver silk dress with a matching hat. The red band on her hat complimented her red rose corsage.

The smorgasbord reception was held in the Jasper House Penthouse immediately following the wellwishing and confetti throwing at the church. The double tiered round cake, baked by the bride's mother and decorated by the bride, was lovely with a small bouquet of pink sweetheart roses and heather gracing the top.

The menu was planned and prepared by Mrs. Arnfinson with the assistance of Mrs. Mervyn Nelson, Mrs. Joseph Holzer and Mrs. Art Arnfinson.

Telegrams of well wishes were received from friends and relatives in British Columbia, Ontario and Switzerland. Out of town guests were present from Calgary, Hinton and Edson.

The happy couple are making their home in Fort Saskatchewan, where Mr. Drever is assistant manager of the Royal Bank, and Mrs. Drever will accept a position on the nursing staff of the Fort Sask. Hospital.

Another point in southern Alberta's favor is the federal government's recently announced incentive program encompassing most of the province's southern part.

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Chief Superintendent Victor M. Seppala took command of the RCMP's Alberta K Division Tuesday, Sept. 3rd.

He replaces Harry A. Maxted, who is retiring after 35 years with the force.

Superintendent Seppala, 51, was born in Finland and came to Canada to settle in Calgary with his parents in 1924. He joined the RCMP in 1940 and served for 10 years in Nova Scotia.

Superintendent Seppala spent five years between 1951 and 1956 in Finland, Sweden and Germany attached to the Canadian embassies in those countries.

His task at that time was to screen immigrants who were applying for passports to get into Canada.

OVERSEAS TOUR

After his overseas tour he was director of the force's criminal investigation department in Toronto for four years. In 1960 he was promoted to the post of assistant-adjutant of the RCMP in Ottawa, a position he held until 1964, when he was made officer-in-charge of the Lethbridge sub-division.

He left the Lethbridge command in 1967 to become assistant-director of criminal investigation in Ottawa, a post he held until being sent to Edmonton as head of "K" Division.

Superintendent Seppala said he was "concerned about organized crime, especially the white collar type of crime such as frauds, and bankruptcy claims."

He indicated that he thought the new policy of dealing with intoxicated persons, (holding them in jail overnight and then releasing them), was an "excellent move."

"I am also concerned with the mounting number of traffic fatalities which occur most weekends."

Joining Superintendent Seppala in his first command of a division of the Mounties, are his wife Nancy, a daughter Jane, 12, and two sons Tom 14, and Stephen 10.

An ardent curler and football fan, the new RCMP head said his heart is with the Ottawa Roughriders, but he expects that his allegiance will switch to the side of the Eskimos in the Western Conference.

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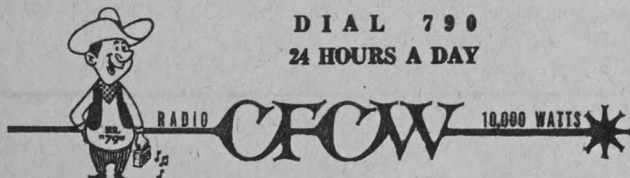
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